

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-40 (cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

41. (Previously Presented) A method for providing product information data related to a selected product stored in a vendor's main computer to a customer's remote computer, a first subset of product data including graphics data related to at least one product being stored in a memory of the remote computer, the method comprising:

storing product data including graphics data and textual data related to a plurality of products in a memory of the main computer;

receiving a data request query related to at least one selected product from a remote computer;

identifying a second subset of product data including graphics data and textual data related to the selected product from the product data stored in the memory of the main computer based on the data request query;

transmitting the textual data from second subset of product data from the main computer to the remote computer;

transmitting only updated graphics data from the second subset of product data that is different from the graphics data in the first subset of product data from the main computer to the remote computer so that the updated graphics data is stored in the memory of the remote computer; and

transmitting display instructions from the main computer to the remote computer to permit the remote computer to combine the textual data from the second subset of product data received from the main computer with graphics data related to the selected product stored in the memory of the remote computer to provide complete product information data related to the selected product including both graphics and textual data.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the remote computer stores a computer program and a remote program revision status in the memory of the remote computer, the remote program revision status indicating a revision level of the computer program stored in the memory of the remote computer, the method further comprising the steps of:

maintaining the latest revisions of a computer program and a main program revision status in the memory of the main computer, the main program revision status indicating the revision level of the computer program stored in the memory of the main computer;

receiving a remote program revision status from the remote computer at the main

computer;

comparing the remote program revision status to the main program revision status;

and

transmitting updated portions of the computer program stored and maintained in the memory of the main computer that are different from the computer program stored in the memory of the remote computer from the main computer to the remote computer.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the transmitting display instructions step includes transmitting a map from the main computer to the remote computer.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising automatically establishing a data link between the remote computer and the main computer prior to the receiving step, and automatically disconnecting the data link between the remote computer and the main computer after the transmitting steps.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the display instructions indicate a format of the textual data and a display location of the graphics data relative to the textual data.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the remote computer stores a remote revision status in the memory of the remote computer, the remote revision status providing an indication of the last time the graphics data stored in the remote computer was updated, the method further comprising the steps of storing a main revision status in the memory of the main computer, the main revision status providing an indication of the last time the graphics data stored in the main computer was updated, receiving a remote revision status from the remote computer at the main computer, comparing the remote revision status with the main revision status prior to the step of and transmitting updated graphics data from the main computer to the remote computer.

Claims 47-52 (cancelled) without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

53. (New) A system for providing product information data related to a selected product stored in a vendor's main computer to a customer's remote computer, a first subset of product data including graphics data related to at least one product being stored in a memory of the remote computer, the system comprising:

means for storing product data including graphics data and textual data related to a plurality of products in a memory of the main computer;

means for receiving a data request query related to at least one selected product from a remote computer;

means for identifying a second subset of product data including graphics data and textual data related to the selected product from the product data stored in the memory of the main computer based on the data request query;

means for transmitting the textual data from second subset of product data from the main computer to the remote computer;

means for transmitting only updated graphics data from the second subset of product data that is different from the graphics data in the first subset of product data from the main computer to the remote computer so that the updated graphics data is stored in the memory of the remote computer; and

means for transmitting display instructions from the main computer to the remote computer to permit the remote computer to combine the textual data from the second subset of product data received from the main computer with graphics data related to the selected product stored in the memory of the remote computer to provide complete product information data related to the selected product including both graphics and textual data.

54. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the remote computer stores a computer program and a remote program revision status in the memory of the remote computer, the remote program revision status indicating a revision level of the computer program stored in the memory of the remote computer, the system further comprising:

means for maintaining the latest revisions of a computer program and a main program revision status in the memory of the main computer, the main program revision status indicating the revision level of the computer program stored in the memory of the main computer;

means for receiving a remote program revision status from the remote computer at the main computer;

means for comparing the remote program revision status to the main program revision status; and

means for transmitting updated portions of the computer program stored and maintained in the memory of the main computer that are different from the computer program stored in the memory of the remote computer from the main computer to the remote computer.

55. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the means for transmitting display instructions transmits a map from the main computer to the remote computer.

56. (New) The system of claim 53, further comprising means for automatically establishing a data link between the remote computer and the main computer prior to the

receiving step, and means for automatically disconnecting the data link between the remote computer and the main computer after the transmitting steps.

57. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the display instructions indicate a format of the textual data and a display location of the graphics data relative to the textual data.

58. (New) The system of claim 53, wherein the remote computer stores a remote revision status in the memory of the remote computer, the remote revision status providing an indication of the last time the graphics data stored in the remote computer was updated, the system further comprising means for storing a main revision status in the memory of the main computer, the main revision status providing an indication of the last time the graphics data stored in the main computer was updated, means for receiving a remote revision status from the remote computer at the main computer, means for comparing the remote revision status with the main revision status prior to transmitting the updated graphics data from the main computer to the remote computer.